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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 contained in the international application as filed.
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 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-19	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

NOVELTY Claims 1-19:

The invention defined in claims 1-19 is novel.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS):

The invention defined in claims 1-19 does not involve an inventive step in light of the following documents:

- D1 = US 5167739 A
- D2 = FR 2668979 A
- D3 = JP 10077155 A
- D4 = US 4600141 A

Claims 1-11:

US 5167739 A discloses a method for forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, the method including the steps of printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier, printing each of the insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier. But, this missing feature is disclosed by both JP 10077155 A and US 4600141 A.

Therefore, when combined, as would be obvious to a person skilled in the art, both citations disclose all of the features of the claims.

FR 2668979 A discloses a method for forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, the method including the steps of printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier, printing each of the insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier. But, this missing feature is disclosed by both JP 10077155 A and US 4600141 A.

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Furthermore appended claims 2-11 add only features that are common general knowledge in the art and which therefore cannot contribute to patentable invention.

Claims 12-14:

Document D1 discloses a method for forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, the method including the steps of applying an adhesive layer to at least one side of the envelope sheet, printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier, printing each of the insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier.

But, this missing feature is disclosed by both documents D3 and D4.

Therefore, when combined, as would be obvious to a person skilled in the art, both citations disclose all of the features of the claims.

Document D2 discloses a method for forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, the method including the steps of applying an adhesive layer to at least one side of the envelope sheet, printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier, printing each of the insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier.

But, this missing feature is disclosed by both documents D3 and D4.

Therefore, when combined, as would be obvious to a person skilled in the art, both citations disclose all of the features of the claims.

Furthermore appended claims 13-14 add only features that are common general knowledge in the art and which therefore cannot contribute to patentable invention.

Claims 15-19:

Document D1 discloses an apparatus forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, said apparatus including a printer for printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier and furthermore for printing at least one insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and a collator for collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier.

But, this missing feature is disclosed by both documents D3 and D4.

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Document D2 discloses an apparatus forming a document set, said document set formed from rectangular sheets of the same size and including an envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet, said apparatus including a printer for printing the envelope sheet with envelope information, this envelope information including a code identifier and furthermore for printing at least one insert sheets with insert information, the insert information including a code identifier, and a collator for collating said envelope sheet and at least one insert sheet to form said document set as presently defined. However, it does not disclose following feature: that the code is a unique code identifier.

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Furthermore appended claims 15-19 add only features that are common general knowledge in the art and which therefore cannot contribute to patentable invention.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY:

All claims have industrial applicability.